GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

W.R. (Reforms) Dept. – M/s RM Kisan Centre Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad- Levying the royalty charges as per Act No. 13 of 1997 at Rs. 350/- per acre per year for Agriculture instead of Industrial water charges for consumptive use -Partial modification – Accorded- Orders – Issued.

WATER RESOURCES (REFORMS) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No.59 **Dated: 21.11.2022**

Read the following:

1. The A.P Water Tax Act 1988.
2. The A.P Water Tax Act, 1997.
3. G.O.Ms.No. 7, A Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development & Fisheries (Fish.II), Dept., dt. 16.03.2013.
4. G.O.Ms.No. 48, Water Resources (Reforms) Dept., dated: 13.09.2021.
5. G.O.Ms.No.1, Industries & Commerce (P&I) Dept., dated: 12.01.2022.
6. From the ENC (I), WRD, Lr. No. ENC(I)/EE/DEE1/ AEE2/ IWS (RM Kisan Centre Pvt. Ltd.), dated: 21.06.2022.

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O R D E R:

In the G.O 4th read above, the Government have accorded permission to M/s RM Kisan Centre Private Limited, Hyderabad, for the drawl of 560 KLD of water from Sarvaraja Sagar Reservoir for developing Agri R & D Centre in Palagiri (V) in Verrapunayuni Palli (M) of YSR District, subject to certain terms and conditions and subject to payment of water royalty charges for consumptive use as fixed by the Government from time to time.

2. In the letter 6th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief (Irrigation), WRD based on the report of the Chief Engineer (P), Kadapa, has recommended the proposal to the Government as follows:

- "Supply of water for agriculture cannot be treated as supply for industrial use". Further, the firm M/s RM Kisan Centre Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad, requested the Chief Engineer (P), Kadapa that the water Royalty charges @ 5.50/ 1000 gallons charged for Horticulture is not viable and the firm is unable to bare the charges and requested for paying Water Cess as per the A.P. Water Tax, 1988 i.e. Rs. 350/- per acre for Agriculture as per the G.O.Ms. No. 7, AH,DD & F (Fish. II), Dept., dt. 16.03.2013.

- Further, as observed from the recent Government orders for Industrial Water Tariff i.e. G.O.Ms.No.1, Industries & Commerce (P&I) Dept., dt. 12.01.2022, M/s RM Kisan Centre Pvt. Ltd. do not come under the industrial water usage and requested the Government to examine the issue in detail and to issue revised orders for collecting water Royalty Charges as per AP Water Tax 1988 i.e. Rs. 350/- per acre per year for Agriculture to the above firm.

- The Dept., of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India, issued guidelines to States to consider Aquaculture on par with Agriculture and so much so all incentives, tax benefits concessional tariff etc. should be extended to all Aquaculture related activities.

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3. Government after careful examination of the matter and as recommended by the Engineer-in-Chief (I), WRD, Vijayawada, in partial modification of orders issued in the G.O.4th read above, hereby accord the permission to M/s RM Kisan Centre Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad, levying the royalty charges as per Act No. 13 of 1997 at Rs. 350/- per acre per year for Agriculture purpose, subject to revision of water rates as fixed by the Government from time to time, while keeping all terms and conditions mentioned in the G.O.4th read above, unchanged.

4. The Engineer-in-Chief (Irrigation), Water Resources Department, Vijayawada, the Chief Engineer (P), Water Resources Department, Kadapa and the Collector & District Magistrate of YSR Kadapa district shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNEMNT

To
The Engineer-in-Chief (Irrigation), Water Resources Department,
Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Chief Engineer (P), Water Resources Department, Kadapa.
The Collector & District Magistrate, YSR Kadapa District.
The Officer concerned,
A.P. Pollution Control Board Regional Office, Kadapa.
Copy to:
The Managing Director, RM Kisan Centre Private Limited,
#5-36/249, Plot No. 148, Mythri Nagar, Kukatpally, Hyderabad.
The P.S. to the Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources Department.

The P.S. the Prl. Secretary to Government, Water Resources Department.
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//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER